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Hunt for thugs in street assaults after club ejection

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after at least four people were assaulted in Green Street, Kidderminster, during the early hours.

Between 1.15am and 1.40am last Saturday, April 30, three men described as eastern European were ejected from Tribe nightclub and were subsequently involved in assaults on passers-by.

They included a 19-year-old man who had left the club with friends. As they were walking to their car, the victim was

slapped and then punched on the cheek by a man. The victim was left with a sore jaw, but did not need medical attention. The offender is 6ft 2in, bald, quite stocky, and was believed to be wearing a dark blue short-sleeved shirt and jeans.

Intervene

Another 19-year-old was punched in the face and knocked to the ground. He was then kicked and punched by more than one offender, leaving him with soreness and tenderness to most of his body.

One of the offenders in that assault is in his late 20s to early 30s, 6ft 3in-4in, stocky, shaven-headed, wearing a short sleeved blue-shirt and possibly jeans.

A 19-year-old woman tried to intervene when she saw her friends being assaulted and was bitten on the arm and tackled to the ground, causing her back pain.

She went for treatment at the Minor Injuries Unit at Kidderminster Hospital.

The offender is described as in his late 20s to early 30s, 5ft 9in-10in, of muscular build, clean shaven, with protruding

ears, and wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and possibly jeans.

There was also a fourth victim, a 25-year-old man unconnected to the first three. It is believed he was set about by the same three offenders who hit and kicked him and then left the scene.

Pc Attoosa Nasri, of West Mercia Police, said there might be other victims who have not yet come forward. Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to contact Pc Nasri on 0300 333 3000, quoting 89-S-300411.

Sum way to create treasure hunt trail

PRIMARY school children in Bewdley have been getting stuck in to some numerical fun in a maths project.

Youngsters from four schools have been taking part in a month-long project that has seen them design a treasure trail from scratch.

Year 6 children from Upper Arley, Far Forest Lea, Bewdley Primary and St Anne's Primary teamed up to research, design and produce their own mystery treasure trail named The Case of the Blue Sceptre Stone.

Invested

Working with national organisation Treasure Trails, the aim is to help boost their maths skills in an engaging and informative way.

Along the way they are brushing up on aspects of the national curriculum including problem-solving, fractions and percentages.

The trail, which is open until August 31, is designed to last a couple of hours and takes in the historic centre of Bewdley as well as the Jubilee Gardens and Community Orchard.

All groups who finish the route and crack the code will receive a certificate and be entered into a prize draw.

The £3 brochure for the trail is available from the Bewdley Museum and Tourist Information Centre, in Load Street.

All profits from the project will be invested back into the schools.

NHS BOSS IN PORN SHAME



Michael Stevens

A HEALTH chief from Wyre Forest who was found to have more than 17,000 pornographic images of young girls stored on his computer has walked free from court.

Michael Stevens, aged 56, now living in Old Tannery Court, Severnside South, Bewdley, lost his £125,000-a-year job as finance director of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust after West Mercia Police raided his home in Tenbury Wells.

Stevens pleaded guilty at Worces-

ter Crown Court last week to possessing indecent images of children.

He was given a three-year community order, ordered to pay £1,300 costs, and must sign on the sex offenders' register for five years.

Majority

Stephen Davies, prosecuting, told the court that a search warrant was executed in February 2010 as part of a police crackdown called Operation Alpine. He said several laptops were seized containing 17,265 images.

Mr Davies said the vast majority of these — 13,311 — were the least serious at Level 1. A total of 101

were categorised as Level 5. They were downloaded between 2007 and February 2010.

Stevens has been banned from having unsupervised contact with children under 16, meaning he cannot spend time alone with his daughter, the court heard.

Ruth Edwards, defending Stevens, said it was a "staggering amount" of images, but there was no suggestion he had shared or distributed them and he was not considered a danger to children. She added that he had been having therapy.

The court was told that Stevens had no previous convictions, and he is now unemployed.

Judge Richard Rundell told him: "Why people like you with a good job and an apparently acceptable home life want to view pornographic images of children is beyond me. But you did and you did it in spades."

The sentencing guidelines pointed to a prison term, but he decided this was not the best action for Stevens.

He added: "People like you need treatment and help."

Judge Rundell said the unsupervised contact order with children will continue, but Stevens will be allowed to see his daughter unsupervised, with the approval of Children's Services.



Foley Park School pupils and their map of Africa in pennies

Out of Africa, schools link up in penny map

A KIDDERMINSTER school is making spare change count — as they set up links with a primary school in Kenya. Foley Park Primary School raised £300 for Little Angels Primary School, in Mombasa.

The children took their pennies into school and made a huge line around the building several times to raise a total of £132.

Year 4 teacher Paul Tiffany said: "We became connected with the school by chance. I visited there on holiday last year and saw how poverty stricken they were."

"The children there gave me a wonderful reception and sang songs and danced. I wanted to do something to help."

Banners

Young enterprise companies made products, such as decorative bookmarks and boxes, and staff donations helped push the total up to £300.

The money will be donated to the Kanamai Trust, which provides desks and books to the school, as well as sponsoring children's education.

The pupils of Foley Park, in Northumberland Avenue, are making two banners to be displayed at both schools to illustrate the link.

Wills writing aids hospice

A WYRE Forest law firm has announced its support for The Mary Stevens Hospice Write a Will Forthright.

The scheme aims to encouraging people across the area to think seriously about writing a will.

Donate

Between May 9 and 20, lawyers at MFG Solicitors will be inviting people interested in having a will pre-prepared to its offices in Worcester Street, Kidderminster.

As part of the two-week project, MFG will donate 50 per cent of its usual will-writing fees to the Mary Stevens Hospice at Stourbridge.

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Tulips herald summer

SUMMER is on its way in and nature lovers are being encouraged to pay a visit to Arley Arboretum to view the season's flowers in all their glory.

Just off the A442 in Upper Arley, between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth, the arboretum is currently playing host to a variety of colourful woodland, most of which will flower until mid May.

Dainty

Favourite spots in the arboretum include the magnolia walk, Italian garden, bluebell glade and alpine garden, all of which will be in full blossom this month.

In the Italian garden, the tulip beds are now in full bloom, with hundreds of parrot variety tulip bulbs that were planted in early October now flowering.

Joss Musgrove, spokesperson for the arboretum, said of the bluebell glade: "Most of the plants are of the indigenous English variety as the team of gardeners deliberately discourages the larger and less dainty Spanish bluebell so common now in the UK."

Opening times are 11am-5pm from Wednesdays to Sundays, including bank holiday Mondays. Entry fees are £6 for adults and £3 for children aged three to 16.



Michael Darvill, head gardener, tends the tulips

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Anti-theft drive at beauty spot

EXTRA patrols were ordered at a beauty spot near Kidderminster as part of a police operation to clamp down on thefts from vehicles.

Police and PCSOs officers were out on the Gwent Hills over the bank holiday weekend, on foot and on bikes, handing out crime prevention advice and reassuring visitors.

Anyone with information about thefts from vehicles is asked to contact West Mercia Police on 0300 333 3000.



Pop and Ma Larkin (Bob Graham, Joan Wakeman) run a chaotic but warm-hearted 1950s household



The Larkin family from rural Kent are brought to life at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre next week



Pop Larkin and Miss Pilchester (Sandy Tudor) trying to see eye to eye

Loving Larkins in perfect bliss

AN ABSOLUTELY perfect night's entertainment awaits lovers of Darling Buds of May at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre from Monday, May 9.

The irrepressible Larkin family will take to the stage in the adaptation of the gentle H.E. Bates comedy so much loved by TV audiences in the early 1990s.

The play, adapted by Bates himself from his own novel, tells the story of Ma and Pop Larkin and their boister-

The Darling Buds of May is at the Rose Theatre, Chester Road North, on May 9-14 at 7.30pm. Tickets from www.rosetheatre.co.uk or from 01562 743745.

ous family who live an idyllic, rather chaotic life in rural 1950s Kent.

Pop, a cockney dealer, is visited by tax collector Cedric, who attempts to get him to fill in his tax forms. Charley, as he is immediately christened by the Larkins, is soon dis-

tracted when he falls for the eldest daughter, Mariette.

The longer he stays with them, the more he feels at home amongst the glorious chaos and ends up as a member of the household.

Along the way there is much fun to be had as other members of the community fall under the warm, mischievous influence of the Larkin family. The play is full of excitement and energy, including an on-stage fire-work display.

Knockabout

Cast members from the Nonentities have been joined for the production by two teams of young actors from the society's Youth Theatre.

They play, on alternate nights, the young Larkins - Primrose, Montgomery, Zinnia, Petunia and Victoria.

Director Ross Workman said: "We are having great fun with this production."

"The play provides many opportunities for knockabout fun and also plenty of 'carry on'-style humour."

"After all, Pop Larkin lives his life as he eats his dinner - with plenty of sauce."



Mariette Larkin (Becky Williams) catches the eye of a tax collector



Charley has some explaining to do to the tax inspector (Alan Minaker)



Cedric (Stef Austin) falls for Mariette and makes a Charley of himself at the Larkin family home

Appeal on gang in stabbing

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an incident in which a man was stabbed in Tennyson Way, Kidderminster.

The attack was at around 10.30pm on Friday, April 22.

The 26-year-old victim was at home with friends when four or five men entered the back garden and started kicking a door and window.

The victim followed them into an alley and one of the men punched him in the face.

The victim then realised he had also been stabbed once to his chest and twice to his stomach. He was taken by ambulance to the Worcestershire Royal Hospital and was released after treatment.

Skinhead

It is not known if he was stabbed by the man who punched him.

West Mercia Police want to trace four white men.

The first is in his mid 20s, 5ft 10-11in, skinny, with short brown hair. The second is 6ft 6in, 2in, of medium build, and wore a grey tracksuit with the hood up, and a circular motif on front of the jacket.

A third man is in his mid-20s, stocky, with very short or skin-head hair, and had Celtic-style tattoos on his right upper arm. The fourth man is in his late 20s, of stocky build, with a military-style short back and sides, and wore a short-sleeved red T-shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Shelley Aplin on 0300 333 3000 or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Networking invite

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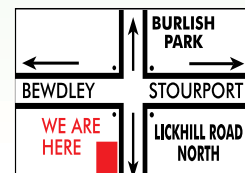
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Lucas Remmers and Ophelia Hayes O'Toole, both six, celebrate the wedding at Franche Community Primary

Wedding day has revellers flying the flag

CHILDREN and staff at a Kidderminster school enjoyed celebrating the Royal Wedding.

Everyone at Franche Community Primary School dressed in red, white and blue and took part in activities including making flags, bunting and biscuits.

Pupils had lunch together outside in the sun and the playground was covered in yet more bunting. Each pupil was given a medal with the school badge, Westminster Abbey, the names of William and Kate and the date on the other. Six large cakes, decorated with pictures of the couple, were supplied by Gainsborough Studio Bakery in Kidderminster.

Headteacher Val Weddell

Hall, said: "The atmosphere throughout school has been electric and the children have enjoyed all of the activities and treats associated with the big day."

"They will treasure the fun when in years to come they remember what they were doing to celebrate the Royal Wedding."

Overnight

Friends and family from Stourbridge and Kidderminster camped out on The Mall overnight to await the wedding. Ruth Link, a 49-year-old support worker from Kidderminster, was there with daughter Emma, 23, a care assistant.

Ruth said: "We always said when William married we would go to London for the big day, and the texts



Lynne Hughes, Julie Smith, Davina Laverick, Ruth Link, Vivien Watson, Emma Link, Zeta Turley and Libby Hughes travelled to London from Kidderminster and Stourbridge for the big day



Chippie owner Pete Webb (above left, on right) celebrates a Royal Wedding with staff just as in 1981 (above right, on right) have been flying back and forth between us. It's a wonderful day in British history."

Kidderminster fish and chip shop owner Pete Webb and colleagues celebrated the Royal Wedding just as they did for Charles and Diana in 1981.

Pete runs Foley's Fish Bar, Stourport Road and, along with

joint owner Nick Akathiotis and other staff members, he marked the occasion by decking out his shop in royal regalia. In 1981 Pete was running Pete's Plaice, in Lister Road. "There seemed to be more street parties in 1981, but we've had a nice celebration this time too," he said.

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Nick Walley, production
director of Brockway

Red carpet at Brockway recycling

ONE of Kidderminster's best-known carpet manufacturers has topped an industry table for recycling waste.

Brockway, which has been making carpets in the town since 1964, was named by Carpet Recycling UK (CRUK) as one of the top-performing members of the organisation, which was established to explore viable alternatives to landfill for carpet waste.

According to CRUK's 2010 figures, Brockway diverts 83 per cent of its carpet production waste from landfill – up from just 17 per cent in 2009. Only one other UK carpet manufac-

turer could match this figure. The company's commitment to sustainable waste disposal and diversion from landfill complements its record in 'green' manufacture, which includes its Envirobac carpet backing – an effluent free process with no harmful emissions and less environmental impact.

Solutions

In addition, Brockway has been working closely with its suppliers to create carpets using natural wool from sustainable, traceable sources.

Average landfill diversion in the industry is just six per cent, while Brockway's 83 per cent

rate puts it ahead of the majority of CRUK members, whose diversion rate is 53 per cent.

Brockway's production director, Nick Walley, said: "The effort put in by Brockway in the last 12 months to recycle our waste has been considerable, as the jump in the figures shows."

"This success would never have occurred without our employees getting behind the concept and coming up with solutions of their own."

"The CRUK figures relate to our Hoobrook manufacturing site – but we're also committed to cutting waste from our nearby Spennells plant."

**Crisis talks over
station's revamp**

CRISIS talks to save a £3.5 million revamp of Kidderminster railway station have been postponed until later this month as transport chiefs try to find alternative funding for the scheme.

Worcestershire County Council and London Midland were dealt a blow when a joint bid for cash from the Regional Growth Fund was rejected last month.

Council bosses will consider what options remain open to them to keep the plans on the table and say they are determined to keep the project alive.

Talks have been put back until after the public holidays and this week's council elections so all officers can take part in discussions.

The county council's cabinet member for transport Councillor Derek Proddger said it would also allow more time to look at the options available so they can be brought to the table.

Holidays

It is the latest delay to hit the project, to create a new station building, forecourt and improved pedestrian access, since it was first announced last year.

The scheme was originally due to start in January but was held back to await the findings of the government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

A further delay was then called following the review to see how much money could be allocated to the project.

It was then decided to put the bids in to the Regional Growth Fund.

Councillor Proddger said: "Talks were going to take place earlier, but it has been decided to wait until all the public holidays and council elections are finished before any meetings are held."

"All officers and myself can then get around a table and decide where we are going to go next and focus on this issue."

"At the moment other than looking at options available there is little further progress which can be made until meetings have been held."

"We are still totally committed to this project."

Councillor Proddger said meetings would be held between council officers to devise a new plan before talks were held with London Midland.

**Severn stars in
talk to society**

A TALK on the River Severn will be entertaining members of Clent History Society on May 26.

Dr Malcolm Dixon will be speaking about trows, or cargo boats, which travelled down the river during the early 20th century.

They were able to transport all kinds of goods between Shrewsbury, Stourport, Worcester and Bristol and along the coasts of the West Country and south Wales.

The meeting will be held in Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue, at 8pm. Admission costs £2.50, including tea and coffee. For more details, call Carole Hodgson on 01562 885759.

Sunday best at stately home

A VISITOR attraction near Bewdley is opening its doors to the public this weekend to showcase country traditions.

Tours of the Dudmaston Estate, overlooking the River Severn between Bridgnorth and Kidderminster, will run on Sunday, May 8, between noon and 6pm.

Visitors will have the chance to learn about the history of the beauty spot.

The Dudmaston estate's normal admission charges apply.

Amblers raise cash at arboretum

Geoff Hill MBE, Denise Hudson and Deb Barnett ready to walk at Bodenham Arboretum

MORE than 200 Midlanders put their best foot forward for charity at a popular beauty spot near Kidderminster.

The fundraisers walked around Bodenham Arboretum, at Wolverley, to raise funds to help cancer patients.

It was organised by the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction Group, which supports breast cancer patients who have had reconstructive surgery. Organisers hope the

amount raised from sponsorship money will match last year's fundraising total of £10,500.

Donated

The April 26 walk was started by Stourbridge fundraiser Geoff Hill MBE.

Denise Hudson, of Stourton, who founded the support group with friend Deb Barnett, said: "We had more than 230 walkers so we were

very pleased with the turnout. The weather wasn't too hot so it was ideal for walking and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was absolutely brilliant."

Bottles of water to hand out to walkers were donated by Sainsbury's Ambleside store where the two group founders first met.

The group has raised more than £22,000 since it began in 2006.

**Rhymes time for
first county bard**

POETS are being invited to compete to be the first Bard of Worcestershire to mark the launch of a literary festival. Organisers of the Worcestershire Literary Festival have launched the competition open to anyone over 20 who lives in the county.

Entrants submit two poems – one on Worcestershire and the second on a topic of their choice.

Entry costs £3 (£1.50 concessions) and forms can be found at www.worcslitfest.com. Deadline for entries is 5pm tomorrow (Friday).

The Bard of Worcestershire will be named on the first day of the festival on June 17, and will receive a trophy, certificate and other prizes.

**Rock Houses
smash record**

KINVER'S historic Rock Houses attracted more than 750 visitors over the Easter weekend – an all-time record for the tourist attraction.

Figures released by the National Trust revealed that 755 people visited the houses at Kinver Edge between Thursday and Easter Monday – 328 attended on the Monday alone.

Extra volunteers were drafted in by custodian Mike Parker to show visitors around, and opening hours were extended from two to four hours.

Spokesman Bob Clarke said: "Understandably, everyone is very pleased."



Harvington Hall history re-enactors Sharon Hill, David Bills, Michael Tromans, David Bywater and Alan Harvey retrieve their arrows from the target during archery practice

Re-enactors hit sunshine target

AN HISTORIC hall turned back the clock for the first of two living history events to give visitors a glimpse into the past.

More than 500 people visited Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, to watch as re-enactors brought the Elizabethan period back to life.

Families made the most of the blazing sunshine and watched as a light-hearted reconstruction of England's battle with the Spanish Armada was performed at the historic site.

The show was a mumsers play, an early form of comedy which was popular during the period, organised by the hall to show visitors the entertainment of the age.

It was staged by the Harvington House Re-enactment Group in the gardens of the hall.

Staff also took people on a guided tour of the hall's historic network of priest holes, which date back to the late 1500s.

During the Elizabethan period it was treason to be a Roman Catholic priest in England, but the hall's owner, Humphrey Pakington, was a staunch Catholic and arranged for the hiding places to be built into the hall.

Allowed

They were so successful no priest was ever discovered. They still exist at the hall today and visitors are allowed to enter.

Staff from the hall said the weekend of events had been very successful.

Hall manager Sherida Breedon said: "More than 500 people have been to the hall over the Easter weekend which is absolutely brilliant."

Last weekend was set aside for



Fay Wales in Elizabethan dress in front of Harvington Hall traditional May Day activities and celebrations.

Events included dancing around a Maypole and re-enactors looked out for visitors to join in.

For more information call the hall on 01562 777846.

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Search for towpath knife pair in robbery

THIEVES threatened a man with a knife before ordering him to hand over his wallet and gold rings.

The victim, in his 40s was walking along a canal towpath near Firs Industrial Estate, Kidderminster, at 3.30pm on Monday, April 25. Two men following him shouted for him to stop.

One of them had a knife and ordered him to hand over his four gold rings. They also took a black leather wallet containing around £170 and walked off back towards Stourport.

Tanned

Witnesses are asked to call Kidderminster CID on 0300 333 3000 and quote 389-S-250411.

The thieves were both white men in their 40s. One was about 6ft 1in, of heavy build, unshaven, with a hoop earring in his right ear.

The other was tanned, of heavy build, about 6ft 2in and had brown hair which was short at the back and sides, but longer on top.

Race attracts quack teams

HUNDREDS of visitors are expected at annual duck race in aid of Kidderminster Carnival charities.

The race, which traditionally attracts hordes of people to the town centre, will be held on the River Stour at Weaver's Wharf on Saturday, May 28.

Visitors can buy their £1 ducks outside Tesco store and in the town centre.

The race is a warm-up for the carnival on June 18.

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Sugar site homes are proposed

PLANS to build homes on a historic former sugar factory in Kidderminster are due to be submitted within weeks.

Developers hope the scheme will start the ball rolling for other projects to breathe new life into the key site.

The land in Stourport Road formerly occupied by the British Sugar plant has been in limbo after plans for a business and education complex stalled.

Access

The Cill Dara Partnership said it intended to submit plans for homes on the site within the next two months.

Development manager Peter Burford said the partnership was in talks with Wyre Forest Council over access roads and drainage.

Once this has been completed proposals will be submitted.

"It is all about generating excitement about a location and things have unfortunately fallen silent at this site for some time," Mr Burford added.

Sex attacker tale disproved

A POLICE investigation has established that a reported sex assault in Kidderminster town centre did not happen.

A woman told officers that, after a night out, she had been assaulted opposite the Tesco petrol station in Corporation Street late on April 14.

Detectives launched an investigation which included studying CCTV, house-to-house inquiries, checks with motorists and pedestrians.

Det Insp Dean Jones said: "After careful consideration, no formal charges are being brought against the woman."



Grade 2-listed Dunsley Hall Hotel is to have a £5 million expansion



One view of proposed changes to the hotel at Kinver

Hotel's £5m revamp is approved by planners

A MAJOR extension is to be built at an historic hotel near Kidderminster, creating 182 new jobs.

South Staffordshire Council's regulatory committee gave plans for the £5 million expansion of Grade II-listed Dunsley Hall Hotel, in Kinver, the thumbs-up.

A spa, 23 new bedrooms and a conference suite and spa will be built.

The hotel currently has 11 bedrooms, and bosses Terrie and Wilf Beardsmore have struggled to meet demand.

Plans were approved despite English Heritage objecting over concerns that the extension was "disproportionate" to the listed house.

The scheme will create 56 full-



Wilf and Terrie Beardsmore

time and 126 part-time jobs. A stable block will be converted to provide bedrooms.

It is hoped the revamp will be completed next year. The plans

had been delayed, with Mr and Mrs Beardsmore going back to the drawing board to try to satisfy English Heritage.

Councillors backed the proposals, saying the scheme and jobs were welcome.

The revamp will make it one of the best places to stay in the Midlands, according to councillors who backed the scheme.

Safeguard

Kinver's Councillor Brian Edwards said: "Bringing this number of jobs to a village the size of Kinver is an extremely important thing."

"It's going to be one of the top hotels in the Midlands," Perton East's Councillor David Billson was equally enthusiastic.

He said: "South Staffordshire needs this. It is going to create 56 full-time and 126 part-time jobs."

Agent Richard Walto told the committee that the extension would "safeguard the viability of the business".

The Beardsmores had been forced to rethink their original plans after English Heritage criticised a proposed extension to the main hall.

The national organisation said the development would be out of keeping with its character.

Despite the plans being withdrawn and altered to reduce the height, the heritage organisation maintained its objection.

It said the scheme remains "disproportionate to that of the listed house".

The extension will comprise a part single-storey, part two-storey link block. This will connect the main hall to a new conference block arranged over three floors.

A basement would be created to reduce the scale of the development.

This level would include a cinema, function room and storage area.

Luxury

The first floor accommodation, including seven additional bedrooms, would also be built into the roof of the extension.

Other parts of the scheme include converting a stable block to create three luxury bedrooms and the refurbishment of existing glasshouses and potting sheds to create a spa.

Dilapidated garages would also be demolished and replaced with an extension linking the stable block and new spa.

The hotel in Dunsley Road, Kinver, opened in 2007.

Bluebells display a rare treat

THE public have a rare chance to stroll around the grounds of Bishops Wood environmental centre, near Stourport, on Sunday to see this year's magnificent display of bluebells.

The centre is not normally open to visitors, but is set to host an afternoon of guided bluebell walks with the Friends of Bishops Wood.

Families are invited to bring a picnic to enjoy after the walks, which include ancient woodland and meadows.

Folklore

Head of the centre John Rymar said: "The woodland is stunning, with a sea of bluebells as far as the eye can see."

"The cold winter and dry March means that we expect bluebells to flower well this year. Bishops Wood is quite shady so we expect there to be a good show."

"There will be a chance to survey the spread of Spanish bluebells, which are escaping from gardens and invading natural bluebell woods."

"Visitors will also learn how our ancestors used bluebells for everyday purposes, and hear the folklore."

Guided tours leave at 2pm and 2.30pm at a cost of £3 (£1 children). Visit www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk for details, or call 01299 250513.

Tiger speaker earns stripes

INDIA - on the Trail of the Tiger is the theme of a talk by Gary Farmer at Hartlebury Common Local Group next week.

The meeting starts at 8pm on Monday, May 9, at Stourport Boat Club. New members are welcome.

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Holidays

With funding from Grow With Wyre, the 292 runs hourly on Sundays and bank holidays until September.

Last week's Chronicle stated incorrectly that the £1 fare was also available on dates in April and May.

More information is available from www.growwithwyre.org.

I'm hooligan fan on CCTV admits father



Scott Walker saw his CCTV image and went to police

A SOCCER fan from Kidderminster who threw coins at rivals after his son was hit by one has been given a three-year football banning order.

West Bromwich Albion supporter Scott Walker, aged 42, of Turton Street, pleaded guilty to "five minutes of madness" at the club's first Premier League derby against Wolves.

He launched the coins at away fans in the Smethwick End when violence marred the game at The Hawthorns in February.

Police said although injuries were caused at the match, including one Wolves fan who needed three stitches to

a head wound caused by a coin, it was not clear from CCTV whether Walker was directly responsible.

Walker was banned from all matches in the UK and abroad and ordered to pay £300 by Warley magistrates at a hearing last Wednesday, April 27.

Hostility

John Williams, chairman of the bench, said he was shocked that Walker, who was in the East Stand at The Hawthorns, had thrown the coins in front of his son.

"It is ridiculous behaviour for a man of your age. You could have caused serious injury or hit someone in the eye.

"And we find it very bad you took this action in front of your 13-year-old son."

Walker was fined £200 and ordered to

pay £85 prosecution costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Representing himself, Walker told magistrates: "My son was hit by a coin, I reacted stupidly and I am really sorry."

"It happened at the end of the match, it was five minutes of madness."

Walker handed himself in after he saw the CCTV images, the court was told.

Kelly Hale, prosecuting, told the court the high-profile match had "the potential for hostility" between the two sides.

"The defendant was seen by CCTV to throw coins in the direction of opposing fans."

"The defendant was seen by CCTV to throw coins in the direction of opposing fans."

"Although injuries were caused, there were other people involved, and it was unclear what injuries Walker caused."

Ms Hale added: "Once the defendant saw images of himself from CCTV he handed himself in to police."

"He was quite distraught and showed considerable remorse for his actions."

"From police interview it appears his son was hit by a coin in the first place and that is why he threw coins back."



Will and Wendy Perkins in their George Street shop

Will and Wendy try shop to revive 45s

A RECORD collector who turned his hobby into a business is hoping that music fans will make tracks to his new shop in Kidderminster.

Will Perkins, aged 51, has turned the tables on the economic downturn to open Retrostyle, in George Street.

The shop sells old-style vinyl records as well as CDs along with memorabilia such as T-shirts and posters.

It will be run on a daily basis by his wife Wendy, aged 40, while Will continues to run a stall in Cradley Heath market.

The business started out with the stall, but the couple decided to branch out in their home town. Will said he had started after passing a stall selling T-shirts while on holiday.

"The stock was up for sale so we bought it and started selling and printing T-shirts for special occasions," he said.

"I had been a record collector for many years so we decided to combine the two."

Three hurt as cars in collision

THREE people were taken to hospital following a three-car crash near Stourport which resulted in traffic chaos during the rush hour.

Fire crews said one person was trapped near Stourport High School on the A451 to Kidderminster at around 5.15pm last Wednesday, April 27.

Marshalled

The road was closed for at least an hour and a half following the accident as crews cleared the roadway of debris and police marshalled traffic.

The three people were taken to Worcestershire Royal Hospital. Ambulance chiefs said their injuries were not thought to be serious.

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Phone robbers burn victim, 16

A TEENAGER had his mobile phone and £10 stolen by three thugs in Kidderminster.

The 16-year-old was walking through a car park beside the Eurasia Tandoori restaurant, Stourbridge Road. He was grabbed from behind and ordered to hand over his phone and money.

One man stabbed out a cigarette on his face and following further threats the youth handed over his phone, cash and a bank card.

The offenders walked off into Queen Street following the incident between 1am and 1.30am on Saturday, April 23.

One thief is white, aged around 20, slim, 5ft 8in, and was wearing a black Adidas hoodie with white stripes on the sleeves, and black track-suit bottoms.

Another, white and around 20, wore a blue and black zip-up jacket hoodie, blue trousers and Rockport shoes. The other is described only as black.

Anyone with information can call 0300 333 3000, quoting 162-S-230411, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Time for grandma to log on

LIBRARIES in Worcestershire are springing into action this May with a drive to get older people computer-literate.

A series of events are designed to help people get to grips with the world of computers, aimed at those who are starting from scratch or have a little knowledge.

They include laptop surgeries and explorations of the internet in a bid to reach the three in five over 65s who have never used the net.

Confusing

Lynsey Jones, of the county Libraries and Learning Service, said: "For people who have never tried them out, computers and the internet can be confusing."

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Drop into a library and ask for information or call the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822722.

Blood service appeals for donors

THE National Blood Service is appealing for volunteers to give blood at Trinity Methodist Church, in Churchfields, Kidderminster, at 1.15-3.30pm and 4.30-7.15pm on May 16. Book on 0300 123 2323



Stourbridge College principal Lynette Cutting at Aggborough with Kidderminster Harriers chairman Mark Serrell

Goal for Harriers with college link

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers FC and Stourbridge College have teamed up to create two partnership academies with the goal of training for work in the sports and hospitality industries.

The new Football and Hospitality Academies will offer opportunities for 16-year-olds and upwards that will serve them well in the hospitality industry and help them reach the top of their game in the competitive world of football.

Lynette Cutting, principal at Stourbridge College, said: "Preparing young people for the world of work is a priority for us and our new partnership with a professional football club, Kidderminster Harriers, is unique in that it offers our students training in a real working environment."

"We will be recruiting apprentices for our Hospitality Academy and looking for top-class footballers to join the Football Academy – all of whom will be supported through a variety of courses to help them prepare for careers in sport or catering."

Mark Serrell, Harriers' chairman, said: "This new partnership is the perfect reflection of the new lease of life that has been given to the club this season – both on and off the pitch."

"Any team wants to do what it can to produce more home grown talent and, over a period of time, our ambition is to have youngsters coming through the system who can establish themselves as Harriers' players."

Ambassador

"And we will have the added bonus of being able to offer first class hospitality services."

The partnership has the endorsement of Aston Villa's ambassador, Ian Taylor, who had a 15-year career in the Football League and Premier League after coming through youth ranks to play non-league football at Moor Green, in Birmingham.

Taylor said: "I know how hard it can be to get into the game, especially at this level, and having partnerships like this one on the go can only help young people today."

"There is a lot of talent in the Midlands area."

"Football academies nowadays put a lot of emphasis on the educational side of things and that is so important."

The academies will be launched during the week beginning May 9 when football trials and a hospitality interview and selection process will be held at the Aggborough stadium.

All training will be undertaken at Harriers and in the Kidderminster area, and Stourbridge College will provide transport from the Black Country.

Stourbridge College and Harriers will promote the new academies in schools through the successful Football in the Community charity scheme.

Crematorium site nearly complete

WORK on a £4.2 million cemetery and crematorium for Wyre Forest is due to be completed at the end of May.

Wyre Forest Council said the project was entering its final construction phase and completion was expected at the end of the month as planned.

The council has still to fix a date for when the site at Minster Road, between Kidderminster and Stourport, will open.

Rockeries

Work on the 23-acre scheme started last June and the council says work is on schedule at the site, including full burial and cremation facilities and a chapel of rest.

A tree-lined avenue will lead into the site, and landscaped areas will feature wild flowers, grasses, rockeries and a pond with a wooden bridge.

The project was created by the council in partnership with Dignity plc and is managed by Parkwood Consultancy Services.



Project backer Ian Taylor

£700,000 for riverside town flood defence

PLANS for a new £700,000 flood defence scheme to protect dozens more homes in Bewdley have been lodged with Wyre Forest District Council.

The Environment Agency has drawn up proposals to help prevent properties being damaged by water from Riddings Brook in Wribbenhall.

It is hoped that if the plans are approved, work could start by the end of May. The proposals are for a water storage embankment which would hold large amounts of water in the event of a flash flooding.

The water would be held in a reservoir before being released gradually.

Studies

The flood defences would protect more than 50 homes along Riddings Close, Queensway and Kidderminster Road.

In June 2007 dozens of homes in Queensway were flooded following an intense storm which caused widespread damage to properties and gardens.

An Environment Agency spokesman said: "The Wribbenhall flood alleviation scheme is being designed to deal with the flood risk from Riddings Brook itself."

The agency says there is a five per cent chance of flooding in the area in any given year, and the planned work will reduce this to just one per cent.

Residents in the Riddings Close area have been consulted on the plans which were drawn up following extensive studies into the flow of the brook.

Experts also consulted historical records before deciding on their course of action.

Church venue for coffee and talks

COFFEE and organ music are now on offer twice a month at St John the Baptist Church, in Hagley, every second Wednesday, starting at 10.30am and, at some of the events, there will also be talks.

On June 8, besides a performance by organist Richard Hall, there will be a talk by Don Freeth entitled 'What's happened to Hagley?'

£700 bible box stolen at manor

AN ANTIQUE bible box has been stolen from a manor house near Stourport.

The 17th century carved oak box, valued at £400, was taken from a window ledge in the Great Chamber at Harvington Hall, a moated medieval and Elizabethan manor house.

Pattern

The box is 21in by 12in, about 9in high, and has round feet and a carved floral pattern. It is believed to have been taken between 11.30am and 5pm on Thursday, April 21.

Anyone with information is asked to contact West Mercia Police on 0300 333 3000.

Van key to moped marathon

A VEHICLE hire depot in Kidderminster loaned a van to help moped riders raise more than £1,500 for charity.

Northgate Vehicle Hire provided a van for Gareth Delve to support his team in the Mad Moped Challenge – 980 miles from John O'Groats to Land's End. It transported the team and the mopeds to the start line in northern Scotland.

The moped enthusiasts, who were joined by 60 riders from across the country, set off with the aim of raising £2,000 for Help for Heroes.

Organised

Chris Ryder, Northgate area sales manager, said: "We were happy to help with this great cause when we were approached by Gareth. Lending a vehicle is insignificant in comparison to the commitment of the service men and women who lay their lives on the line."

Gareth, aged 36, whose employer is a customer at Northgate, organised the Mad Moped Challenge.

He said: "It was a great experience. The support van was essential, transporting all our spare bikes, and we couldn't have considered the challenge without it."

To donate to the Mad Moped Challenge,



Gareth Delve alongside Chris Ryder, West Midlands area sales manager which ended on April 1, call Gareth on 07540 725273 or go to www.help-forheroes.org.uk/donations.

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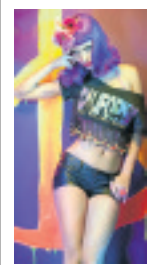
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- Cooler than Me** Mike Posner
- Tonight's the Kind of Night** Noah and the Whale
- Skinny Love** Birdy
- Put Your Hands Up** Nerina Pallot
- Deeper Understanding** Kate Bush
- Happy Now** Take That
- Marry Me** Train
- Me & Tennessee** Tim McGraw & Gwyneth Paltrow

Match of the day had to end, even for Rosie

I THINK it's fair to say that we're all wedding-ed out now, aren't we? I wasn't able to watch the Royal Wedding proceedings completely, but my good lady Rosie was loving the pomp and circumstance of it all.

She loved the venue, the dress, the cars ... and I think the price of our wedding has just gone through the roof Blimey!

Decisions, decisions: There's two rather groovy nights of music this Saturday. At St George's Social Club there will be a live band, Three D, playing pop classics and rock 'n' roll from the 50s to present day.

Doors open at 7:30pm and admission is £2.50 for non-members. For more details, call 01562 66458.

Meanwhile at Stourport Working Men's Club, Shayne Prince will be singing a Tribute To at 8:30pm. It's in aid of the Chrons and Colitis Charity and tickets are £10, available from Joanne on 07576 232157. All you need to do is decide where your loyalties lie.

And now for something completely different: The Cotswold Sheep Society are entering a team on for the 17th International Back to Back Wool Challenge, this Sunday, May 8, in the Historic Cotswold Barn at Villars Farm, Meysey Hampton, Gloucestershire. Shearing begins at 9am sharp.

Workplace

Can they shear enough wool to knit a jumper in a day? Watch the Oxfordshire Guild of Spinners race against the clock. It's all in aid of Cotswold Sheep Society, and Cancer Research UK. For further information call 01285 851197.

Another busy week is coming up on the show, including the return of Workplace of the Week. If you think you and your work colleagues deserve a free lunch from Killian's Café, in Blackwell Street, email dj@thewyre.com and tell me why and you could be munching some free food on Friday.

Food always tastes better when it's free ... and when it's battered.

If you need to contact 107.2 The Wyre or have a community announcement, email info@thewyre.com

WEATHER UPDATE

AFTER a warm Friday and Saturday, with sunny periods and the odd shower possible, gardeners at least can look forward to some proper rain on Sunday following weeks of virtual drought. Maximum temperatures are set to fall from a balmy 21C tomorrow to a rather chilly 11C on Sunday.



DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving . . .

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| <p>Kidderminster
A449 Chester Road North, temporary traffic lights opposite number 248, Bannetts, until May 6.
Lisle Avenue temporary traffic light and roadworks until 13th May</p> <p>Bewdley
A456 Bewdley Bypass, one lane closed from Blackstone to Longbank on May 5-6.
A456 Long Bank closed between Bewdley Bypass to Lye Head Road until May 30.</p> | <p>Stourport
A456 Dunley Road, temporary traffic lights opposite No.14 on May 5-7.</p> <p>Chaddesley Corbett
Briar Hill, temporary traffic lights opposite No. 14a until May 6.</p> <p>Rock
A456 Tenbury Road, temporary traffic lights near Gybhouse Farm on May 5-6.
A4117 Cleobury Road closed</p> | <p>between Tenbury Road and Shropshire boundary until May 16.</p> <p>Blakedown
A456 Birmingham Road, temporary traffic lights at Harborough Hall until May 13.</p> <p>Ombresley
A449, one lane closed at School Bank until May 15</p> <p>Stourbridge
Foster Street East closed Mount until December 5.</p> |
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She only wants to be with you

DUSTY Springfield tribute act Katy Setterfield brings her one-woman show to Worcestershire tomorrow night (Friday).

Katy, winner of the BBC's prime time show The One and Only, appears at Huntingdon Hall, Worcester.

She scooped the top prize on TV with her award-winning portrayal of the legendary Dusty.

Mentors and coaches on David and Carrie Grant said her rendition of You Don't Have To Say You Love Me was the best performance of the entire series.

She has returned to Britain from three sell-out tours in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Classic

By the end of her three months in the entertainment capital of the world, Katy was performing nightly to arenas packed with 500 people, and receiving standing ovations.

Such was her success in the US that she has been booked to return this summer.

Tomorrow's show is a brand new production, and packed with classic Dusty hits, including Son Of A Preacher Man and I Only Want To Be With You.

The evening's programme also features her equally brilliant impersonations of Cher, Tina Turner and Annie Lennox.

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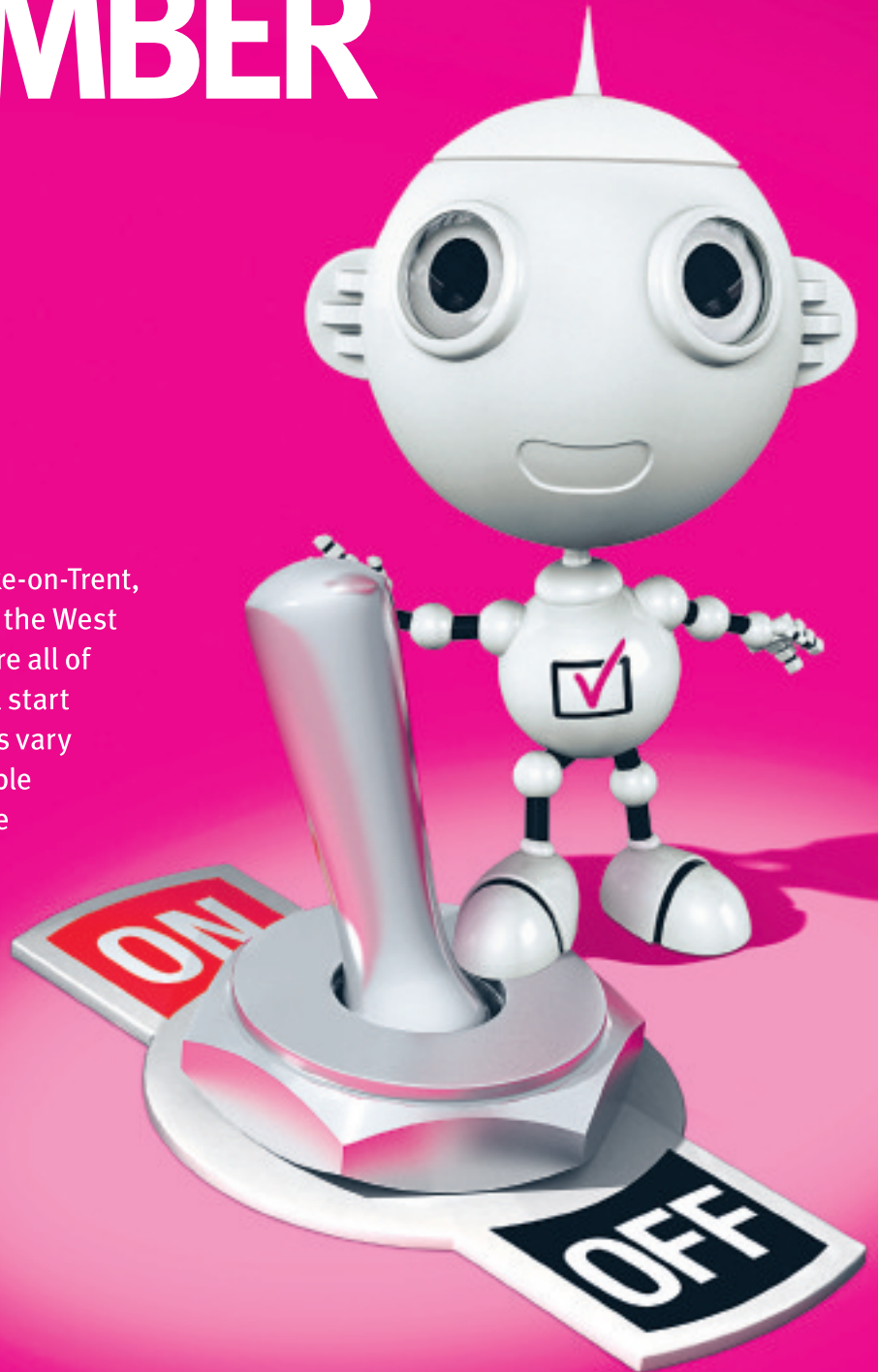
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This year's must attend football event will take place at The NEC in Birmingham on Friday June 3 - Sunday June 5.

The Grass Roots football family have shown their support since the show launched in 2005 with over 60,000 attendees making it the biggest event of its kind in Europe.

2011 is set to be the biggest yet with new show ambassador Robbie Savage being joined by a host of the biggest names in football. The Derby County and former Welsh international has developed a keen interest in football coaching and the development of junior football as he comes to the end of his illustrious career.

He said: "This is the best show of its kind in Britain and deserves an ever greater platform and profile."

Opportunity

"I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out in the grass roots footballing ladder. It is vital that all young children in this country - boys and girls - are given the very best coaching development as they grow up."

"This show encourages the development of coaches and of best coaching practice. Most of all, its vital that our youngsters enjoy playing football and are encouraged to continue playing the game at adult level too."

"This show offers an opportunity for all of the thousands of coaches and those involved in the grass roots game to meet up with the professionals and learn and showcase new skills, coaching clinics and be educated and entertained."

"I have the utmost admiration and respect for all the junior football coaches who devote their time, money and energies into giving our young people a chance to play organised football."

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns, said: "Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event and we can't wait to get started."

"This year we have more coaches, more experts, more players and greater participation and we aim to reinforce the Grass Roots Football Show as the must attend event for coach education and development in the UK. We are urging all of the football family to come and get involved, have fun and learn from the very best football people."

The Grass Roots Football Show is the premier destination for the grass roots football family with leading sports brands, governing bodies, coaches and youngsters attending.

To stand a chance of winning free tickets simply answer the following question.

● Who is the new show ambassador?

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For further information go to www.grassrootsfootball.co.uk



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Delta's made sounds of the country with Mersey beat

IMAGINE that Dolly Parton was from Liverpool rather than the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Now hear Delta Maid.

This 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Wavertree has a voice as keen and clear as country air and is about to make an impact with her debut album, *Outside Looking In*, which draws upon country and blues music, as much as Mississippi as Mersey.

"Sometimes you don't fit a niche," she said. "There's pressure on you to fit in and do the popular thing."

"I know I don't fit the mould but just take a chance and it might work."

Major record label Geffen certainly hope so and the signs look good. New single *Of My Own* has been getting Radio 2 airplay and there is a new, younger audience for country-pop crossover music, thanks to such as Taylor Swift and emerging sister act The Pierces. West Midlands music fans can catch up with the Delta sound when she performs at Birmingham's Glee Club on Monday, May 9, the day her album is released.



Delta Maid - Glee Club date

Wolves date in Manics mini-tour line-up

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MANIC Street Preachers come to Wolverhampton this month for one of only three gigs in a mini-tour and the only date outside their native Wales.

The powerhouse rock trio will play the seaside resort of Llandudno and then the Civic Hall on Thursday, May 19, before a triumphant return to Cardiff for their first gig in the Welsh capital since 2007.

Bassist Nicky Wire said: "We are really looking forward to playing Cardiff CIA again as it has been over three years since we played there. It will be a great warm up for the festival season and a perfect way to end what has been a brilliant campaign for Postcards For A Young Man."

"On the last dates (and these coming up) we've been playing lots of songs from our past too which has been really enjoyable."

The band released the title track of their latest album *Postcards From A Young Man* earlier this year.

Their formidable back catalogue includes such modern day rock classics as *Motorcycle Emptiness*, *A Design For Life*, *Everything Must Go*, *Australia*, *If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next*.

Also *You Stole The Sun From My Heart*, *The Masses Against The Classes*, *Empty Souls*, *There By The Grace Of God*, *Your Love Alone Is Not Enough* and *Autumn Song*.

Support will come from *The Joy Formidable*, a rock trio from North Wales fronted by singer and guitarist Ritzzy Bryan.

Tickets cost £27.50 and the doors open at 7pm.



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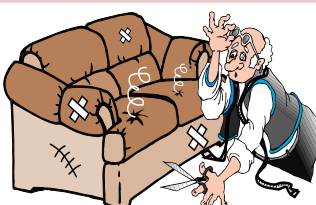
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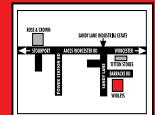
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EnergySeal Ltd's director, David Carter, started the company 10 years ago with his brother Richard

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Company director David Carter says: "My brother and I went into business together 10 years ago, working from home selling a few uPVC doors and windows.

"Since then we have expanded every year and now boast to be the biggest manufacturers in the business.

"Being a family run business helps us develop year in, year out, keeping everything close knit with no middle man to call the shots.

"I deal with the general public and

Richard deals with the trade. So when any enquiries come through to the sales office you are dealing with the company director from the off."

David and Richard also include their wives in the company with leading roles.

Zoe, David's wife, looks after all the enquiries coming through the showroom on a daily basis and Jane, Richard's wife, manages the insulation department alongside Adrian Jackson, the other company director.

This month only, the company has some fantastic offers, including a 3m x 3m conservatory with electric pack from £4,999; any front or back door from as little as £399 and is also running a no

deposit offer, so the customer doesn't pay a penny until all the work has been carried out and they are completely satisfied with the end product.

The company is also offering a 10-year insurance backed guarantee which is covered by the Independent Warranty Association (IWA).

EnergySeal Ltd manufactures all windows, doors and conservatories on site at their large factory showroom in Planetary Road. If you're thinking of undertaking any work on your home, either give EnergySeal a call on 01902 866000 or pop into the showroom and chat to their friendly sales staff, who can offer some of the best advice in the industry.



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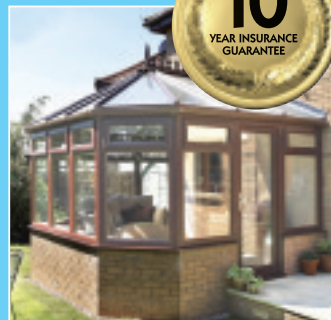
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BE PREPARED for a theatrical roller-coaster ride as the master of psychological illusion returns to the stage in Birmingham with a brand new show Derren Brown: Svengali.

With 73 dates so far confirmed across the UK, including ten at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, Derren again sets out to show why he is one of the world's most renowned live performers; a master of magic, mind control and manipulation. This is his fifth tour and is expected to sell out as quickly as Derren Brown: Enigman.

The mind-bending performer said: "I love writing and performing the stage shows more than anything. It'll be a full evening of mind-melting based around audience participation. More than that I wouldn't want to say."

"I ask audiences to keep the contents of the show a secret so as not to spoil it for others, and I have to do the same. But I hope it's fun and freaky and a great night out: that's what I aim for."

On stage as well as on TV Derren is in a class of his own. His Mind Control, Trick of the Mind, Trick or Treat and Events programmes have garnered rave reviews and awards. His specials



Derren Brown returns to the stage with Svengali

Derren's yet again playing mind games

have provoked much controversy and acclaim and further consolidated his reputation as a performer prepared to constantly challenge and break boundaries.

He has also received much praise for his best-selling books, Tricks of the Mind and Confessions of a Conjuror.

Women's wicked side

A WHOLE new side to the infamous Lilian and Caroline from The Archers comes to Worcester's Swan Theatre tomorrow night with Wicked Women, a celebration of outrageous women, both real and fictional.

Sunny Ormonde and Sara Coward (Lilian Bellamy and Caroline Sterling in the BBC radio soap) present an evening of wit, wisdom and wanton women, including the Queen of Hearts, Shaw's Mrs Warren, Lady Macbeth and Lady Bracknell.

See behind the scenes in Ambridge and put your questions to Sunny and Sara. For ticket details, visit www.worcesterlive.co.uk or call 01905 611427.

Buster hits Bullseye in canine Oliver! role

West Bromwich Operatic Society (WBOS) present Lionel Bart's hugely popular musical Oliver! at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from May 10 to 14.

Directed by Mike Capri, Oliver! stars Ben Evans from Wombourne, with Steve Coussens, from Kidderminster, as Bill Sikes, Terry Gormley, from Kinver, as Fagin, Sarah Moore, of Sutton Coldfield, as Nancy, Mason Kelly, from Sandwell, as The Artful Dodger, and Callum MacArthur, from Walsall, as Mr Bumble.

The children's chorus is made up of youngsters from all over the area and includes members of The Grand's Get-In Youth Scheme. Children were recruited following auditions last year. The society also held auditions to find a dog to play Bullseye and the successful applicant was English bull terrier Buster.

At the National Operatic and Dramatic Association Awards last week, WBOS won Best Production 2010 in the Black Country. The Society also won three top awards at this year's Birmingham & District Theatre Guild; Best Direction in a Musical went to Tim Brown and Oliver! Director Mike Capri for last year's Jesus Christ Superstar; long-standing WBOS member John Wetherall won Most Outstanding Male for his role in Beauty and the Beast. The society also scooped the top prize of Outstanding Achievement in A Musical for Beauty And The Beast. In total they were nominated for nine awards.

The Duchess of Dudley, Lizzie Wiggins, is top of the bill with Brummie comic Don Maclean for a Night At The Musical Hall, the second night of which is being held tonight (Thursday) at The Grand. It also features West Midlands entertainers Dave Sealey, ventriloquist

Ken Wood, musicians Adante and Wolverhampton soprano Sheila-Jane Wood, introduced by Duggie Chapman MBE.

Illusionist and mind trickster Derren Brown brings his new show Svengali to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre for 10 dates starting on Monday. It is described as not suitable for the under 12s.

Comedy legend John Cleese comes to Birmingham Hippodrome as part of his alimony tour on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Other comedy highlights include: Saturday, Cbeebies presents Andy & Mike bring their Big Box of Bananas for a family show at Birmingham Town Hall at 11am; Paul



John Cleese - Alimony tour

Chowdhry takes political correctness head on in Not PC at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday evening, or you can catch him at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on May 13.

Trigger Happy TV and jungle veteran Dom Joly recalls his attempt to fly across the Grand Canyon strapped to a rocket and other anecdotes at Birmingham Town Hall on Monday and again at the Wulfrun Hall on Tuesday. Rob Rouse is at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Tuesday; Iranian Shapoor Khorsandi, and Jon Richardson team up at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Thursday, May 12.

Barry Walker's Smackee go back to the 1950s and 60s for nostalgic musical show Memories Are Made Of Hits at Dudley Concert Hall for a 2pm matinee on Tuesday.

The stage at Stoke's Regent Theatre is turned into an ice rink for The Imperial Ice Stars' version of Swan Lake on Ice from Tuesday to Saturday. That's after Joe Longthorne entertains at the Regent on Sunday for one night only.

Michael Boyd's Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, as does Gregory Doran's version of 'lost' Shakespeare play Cardenio at the Swan in the same RSC theatre complex.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) are performed in around an hour and a half (that's 37 plays in 97 minutes) by the Tread The Boards Theatre Company at Birmingham pub theatre The Old Joint Stock tomorrow and on Saturday. Runcum present Chekhov's The Bear at the same venue on May 12, at 2pm and 8pm.

Birmingham Crescent Theatre has Six Characters in Search of an Author at the Ron Barber Studio from May 7-14.

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NURSE JACKIE

BBC2, 10.45pm

Dark comedy following the exploits of Jackie Peyton, a strong-willed emergency room nurse who works at a busy New York hospital and has a weakness for prescription drugs. The nurse is back at work following an abortive family holiday and finds herself at odds with relatives, friends and co-workers after her indiscretions. However, to make matters worse, the drug dealer she conned is seeking revenge. Starring Edie Falco and Eve Best. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News. Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The concluding session of the first semi-final. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.25 Don't Scare the Hare. Game show, hosted by Jason Bradbury.

6.00 **Doctor Who**. Part two of two. The Doctor launches a revolution against the invading aliens.

6.45 **So You Think You Can Dance**. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again as couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes.

8.00 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins**. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.50 **So You Think You Can Dance**. The dancers with the lowest votes perform again.

9.20 **Casualty**. Polly's life hangs in the balance.

10.10 **BBC News; Weather**.

10.30 **Match of the Day**; National Lottery Update.

11.45 **The Football League Show**; Weatherview.

1.10 Sign Zone: The Royal Wedding. (R) 2.40 Giles & Sue's Royal Wedding. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Coast. (R) 12.15 Film: Citizen Kane. (1941) Oscar-winning drama, starring Orson Welles. 2.15 Film: The Magnificent Ambersons. (1942) Period drama, with Joseph Cotten. 3.45 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The fourth and final session of the first semi-final. 5.30 Flog It! (R)

6.30 **Dad's Army**. Mainwaring appears in court. (R)

7.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship**. Coverage of the second semi-final reaches a conclusion at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the fourth and final session takes place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

9.30 **Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You**. Satirical quiz. (R)

10.15 **Frank Skinner's Opinionated**. Alan Davies and Katy Brand join the presenter in Maidstone. Last in the series. (R)

10.45 **Nurse Jackie**. The nurse finds herself at odds with her family. Last in the series.

11.15 **Later with Jools Holland**. With PJ Harvey, Lykke Li and the Unthanks. (R)

12.15 Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) Drama, with Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. 1.55 Film: Anna M. (2007) Premiere. Drama, with Isabelle Carré. 3.35 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 12.10 This Morning: Saturday. 1.10 ITV News; Weather. 1.15 Monk. 2.15 You've Been Framed! Funniest 100. (R) 3.15 Film: Live and Let Die. (1973) 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 **New People Do the Funniest Things**. New series. A selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including unusual world records, wedding disasters and an underwater dinner party.

7.00 **Sing if You Can**. Mikey Graham, Lisa Maxwell and Rodney Marsh take on Ray Quinn, Darren Gough and Camilla Kerslake in the celebrity singing challenge.

8.00 **Britain's Got Talent**. Ant and Dec host another round of auditions, as judges Amanda Holden, Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff continue their search for the nation's most impressive performers.

9.00 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Ann Widdecombe**. The former MP discusses her career and personal life.

10.00 **ITV News; Weather**.

10.15 **FILM: Dirty Harry**. (1971) Police thriller, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 Swingtown. (R) 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British Formula 3 International Series. 7.30 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Friends. (R) 9.25 T4: Koko Pop. 10.00 T4: Friends. (R) 10.30 T4: Glee. 11.30 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.30 Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 **Come Dine with Me Down Under**.

6.30 **Channel 4 News**. 6.55 **4thought.tv**.

7.00 **River Cottage Best Bites**. A collection of recipes for autumn and winter. (R)

8.00 **Kate and William: Romance and the Royals**. David Starkey puts the royal wedding in historical context. (R)

9.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live**. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 **Stand Up for the Week**. 11.05 **FILM: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery**. (1997) Spoof spy adventure, starring Mike Myers.

1.00 Film: Secretary. (2002) Comedy drama, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal. 2.50 Shapes. (R) 2.55 Home Country. (R) 3.00 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) 3.05 Hello Boys. (R) 4.00 Running in Heels. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. 10.10 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.10 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.05 Film: King of Kings. (1961) Biblical epic, starring Jeffrey Hunter. 3.10 Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, with Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd.

7.15 **5 News Weekend**.

7.20 **NCIS**. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer proves reluctant to confess. (R)

8.15 **CSI: Grissom's Greatest**. An apparent Mob assassination leaves five people dead, and a deaf man is killed in what initially seems to have been a car accident – until evidence of foul play comes to light. (R)

9.10 **CSI: Miami**. Two suspicious deaths occur on the same day, but initially seem unconnected – until Horatio discovers a crusading TV show had recently exposed both victims as paedophiles. (R)

10.10 **CSI: NY**. A popular schoolgirl is murdered.

11.10 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation**. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.15 Film: The Polar Express (2004) 5.10 Film: Robots (2005) 7.00 Homes from Hell 8.00 My Child Won't Eat 9.00 Britain's Got More Talent 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.45 Film: The Whole Ten Yards (2004)

ITV3
2.30 Wallis and Edward 4.20 Downton Abbey 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.15 A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Delhi DareDevils and Kolkata Knight Riders v Kings XI Punjab. 8.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 9.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 10.00 Ultimate Force 11.35 Film: Queen of the Damned (2002)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who Confidential 7.45 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze 7.50 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) 11.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.45 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home 9.00 Spiral 10.50 Top of the Pops: 1976 11.20 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – The True Story

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 4.55 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: 30 Days of Night (2007)

FILM4
3.25 Zulu (1964) 6.10 The Abyss (1989) 8.55 4 Films For 9.00 Slumdog Millionaire (2008) Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel, Freida Pinto and Anil Kapoor. 11.20 Alien (1979) Sci-fi horror, starring Sigourney Weaver.



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BBC2, 9pm
Anybody with an income of £2 billion a year should be laughing all the way to the bank. That's the kind of figures English Premier League clubs are reputedly pulling in every year thanks to TV, match-day and sponsorship revenue – so why are so many of them up to their stadium rooftops in debt? Lord Sugar aims to find out in what should be an eye-opening documentary. While investigating the financial problems facing football, he interviews bosses, owners, agents and players to ask what has gone wrong – and what can be done to solve the issues he raises.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** The Politics Show: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Live. The fourth race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.25** Escape to the Country. **4.25** Life of Riley. (R) **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R) **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascape artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese knotweed. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hutton-in-the-Forest, a country house in Cumbria, where items up for valuation include a painting that was once used for target practice.

9.00 Atlantis. Historical drama, starring Stephanie Leonidas and Reece Ritchie.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 The Gatwick Baby: Abandoned at Birth.

11.25 FILM: Irresistible. (2006) Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon; Weatherview.

1.05 Sign Zone: MasterChef. **2.05** Holby City. **3.05** Churches: How to Read Them. **3.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.30** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Halifax RLFC v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 3.15pm). **5.30** Film: The Red Baron. (2008) First World War biopic, starring Matthias Schweighöfer.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. New series. The design secrets of Dubai's Burj Al Arab hotel.

8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. New series. Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon.

9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems affecting English football, and proposes his own solutions to help the game.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Chelsea.

11.10 The Shadow Line. (R)

12.10 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Alta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.50** BBC News. **3.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.40** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.40** Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

6.30 Regional Programmes.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Cube. A penguin keeper and a 31-year-old man take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.

8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope sets out to solve the murder of a teenage girl 11 years earlier, exposing the secrets and lies of a close-knit community. Hugo Speer guest stars.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. Actor explores how a group of 1930s miners became artists.

11.15 Surgery School. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

1.00 The Zone: ITV News. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK.

3.45 ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** FreeSports on 4. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.50** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.25** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **3.30** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in east London.

8.00 The Hotel. A couple's third anniversary becomes a night to forget.

9.00 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People. (2008) Premiere. A self-promoting writer lands a job at a fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff Bridges.

11.10 FILM: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

1.00 Japan Disaster Benefit. (R)

1.45 Film: Kontroll. (2003) **3.45** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.40** Great British Brands. (R)

4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** Funky Valley. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** OK! TV Sunday. **11.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.00** The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) **3.00** Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. **5.05** 5 News Weekend. **5.10** Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

7.25 FILM: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

10.00 The Walking Dead. **11.05** FILM: The Dentist. (1996) Horror, starring Corbin Bernsen.

12.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino.

4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R)

4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R)

5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.00 Film: Twister (1996) **5.15** Britain's Got Talent **6.15** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff **11.00** Film: The Bucket List (2008)

ITV3

3.10 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) **6.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.50** The Best of Mr Bean **9.00** Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) **11.40** Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995)

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Pune Warriors. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) **11.15** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Doctor Who **8.45** Doctor Who Confidential **9.00** Little Britain **9.30** Family Guy: Groundbreaking Gags **10.00** Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** The Secret Life of Waves **10.00** Film: Jar City (2006) **11.30** Classic Albums

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3.50 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **7.55** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News: Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Done. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) 12.00 News: Weather. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News: Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News: Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News: Weather. 6.30 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 7.00 News: One Show. BBC News: Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 A Question of Sport. (R) 9.00 Have I Got News for You. 9.30 Outnumbered. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News: Weather. 10.55 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 11.00 News: National Lottery Friday Night Draw. 11.35 The One Show. (R) 12.35 Film: Assault on Precinct 13. (1976) Thriller, starring Darwin Joston. Weatherview. 2.05 Sign Zone: The Hairy Bikers' Know Best. (R) 3.05 Countryfile. (R) 3.30 The Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Vote 2011. 10.00 Animal Park. (R) 2.00 Vote 2011. 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopters. 4.45 Pointless. (R) 5.00 Vote 2011. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Railway Rivals. (R) 7.30 Verdict on 7/7: A Newsnight Special. 8.00 Petworth House – The Big Spring Clean. 8.30 Gardeners' World. 9.00 Monty Don's Italian Gardens. 10.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.35 Late with John. 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Law of David. (R) 1.30 Drama, starring Mischia Barton and Sam Rockwell. 2.15 BFG News. 3.45 Close.

Jools Holland, 12.35 Film: **Lawn Dogs**, (1997)
Drama, starring **Michelle** Barton and **Sam Rockwell**,
1.15 BBC News, 4.35 Close.

1.00 **6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The**
12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News; Weather, 1.55
Regional News; Weather, 2.00 6.00 Minute
Makeover, 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show, 3.55
5.00 Britain's Best Dish, 6.00 Regional News;
Weather, 6.30 ITV News; Weather, 7.00
Emmerdale, 7.30 Coronation Street, 8.00 Baboo
with Gaby, 8.30 The Bill, 9.00 The Bill, 9.30
O'Grady Live, 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather,
10.30 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 The Cube
(R), 11.35 Take Me Out, (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV
News, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00, 3.15
Nightseries, 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs (R) 6.35
The Hoobs, (R) 7.00 Fresh
Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.00 Frasier, (R) 8.30 Friends, (R) 9.00 Wife Swap
USA, (R) 9.55 Relocation, Relocation, (R) 10.55 A
Place by the Sea, 12.00 Channel 4 News
at 12.30, 1.00 The Book of Love, (R) 1.30
Book Club, (R) 1.05 Jamie at Home, (R) 1.35
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meeting at Chester, 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or
No Deal, 5.00 Come Dine with Me, (R) 6.00 The
Big Bang Theory, (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News
at 6.30, 7.55 4thought, 7.00 A Place to Run
Home or Away, 9.00 The Million Pound Drop
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Ricky Gervais Show, 12.00 Music on 4: Fight to
Your Right, 12.30 The Chase, 1.00 The Chase
Status, 1.30 in one (R) 12.55 My Name, (R) 1.55
(R) 4.00 Freaky, (R) 2.05 Undressing My Mother
(R) 2.15 Farewell Packets of 10, (R) 2.20 Brain
Damage, (R) 2.25 Ugly Betty, (R) 3.10 Hill Street
Blues, (R) 4.00 The Unofficial - Royal Wedding
Special, (R) 4.30 Morgan's Perfect Recall, (R) 5.15
Countdown, (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.05 Meats in Moments. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 5 News. 1.15 Home & Away. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.10 Film: Flood: A River's Rampage. (TV-14) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 5.45 Home & Away. (R) 5.50 OK! TV 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.10 Fifth Gear. 8.00 Update. 8.00 Ice Road Tractors; 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Mentalist. 10.00 Law & Order. 10.55 The Walking Dead. (R) 11.55 Cop in Crisis. (R) 12.15 5 News. 12.20 5 News. Monday. 12.30 Fifth Gear. (R). 1.45 5 Country Secrets. (R)

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Russell Watson, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

A PACKED Symphony Hall erupted into hero worship for Russell Watson as 'The People's Tenor' was given a standing ovation before even singing a note.

Watson skipped and danced onto the stage, looking fit and well, with no hint of the health problems that have dogged him recently. Classics from some of his earlier albums, along with numbers from his most recent release, *La Voce*, were all delivered with incredible energy, drama and passion.

Backed by an incredible 40-piece orchestra and wonderful singers, 'The Voice' opened with *Somewhere from West Side Story* and went on to present a good mixture of arias, along with covers of popular songs. Nessun Dorma was breathtaking while Mary Jess, winner of China's version of the *X Factor* joined him for songs from the Phantom of the Opera, Jerusalem and Land Of Hope And Glory had the entire audience on their feet with some waving flags. Coming down from the stage, singing *Volare*, he mingled with the fans shaking their hands and they in return showered him with gifts.

LES JOWETT

Solid Silver 60s Show, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IT was the silver haired teenagers' night to party at the Grand Theatre for The Solid Silver 60s show. Aching joints were stretched to the limit as the audience stood and clapped along to the songs that reminded them of their youth. Non-stop hits of the decade were played by original groups that have matured just like those of us in the crowd.

Vanity Fair's Hi Ho Silver Lining, followed by Early in the Morning and Hitching a Ride started the party atmosphere. Wayne Fontana in his white cowboy hat and long white hair was greeted with cheers for Om Om Om, Game of Love and Pamela. Blues/Soul singer Chris Farlowe mesmerised the audience with *Unchain My Heart*, *Handbags and Gladrags* and *Out of Time*, while Dave Berry appeared behind the curtain showing his trademark white gloved hand. His songs included *Little Things*, *Momma* and the sensational *Crying Game*.

Terry Sylvestre, formerly of The Hollies, sang their hits *Just One Look* and *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother*.

The Mersey Beats' *Wishing and Hoping*, *Sorrow* and renditions of The Everly Brothers hits went down a storm. Sadly the night came to an end far too quickly but a good time was had by all.

LES JOWETT

The Essence of Ireland, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IRISH eyes were smiling at the Grand Theatre for the fabulous *Essence Of Ireland* show.

The audience could not fail to be mesmerised by a good mixture of infectious traditional music together with a touch of Irish craic and spectacular dancing.

The crowd's love of the music was immediately obvious from the opening performance of an outstanding lone girl playing the fiddle. Exploding onto the stage like thunder, the magnificent sound of the awesome dancers' taps had the hairs on the back of my neck standing on end. There was not a sound to be heard from the audience as they listened for every click of the dancers' never still feet.

Energetic, graceful dance routines with incredible high kicks and flicks were breathtaking and performed with such perfect timing. A superb live band provided foot-tapping music for *The Wild Rover*, *Molly Malone*, *Galway Girl* and *The Irish Rover*. Solos of the emotional *Danny Boy*, the beautiful theme from *Titanic* and *Westlife's You Raise Me Up* received rapturous applause before a standing ovation followed three encores.

LES JOWETT

Macbeth, Royal Shakespeare Theatre

DIRECTOR Michael Boyd's version of *Macbeth* is a bloody exploration of evil, ambition and guilt with a powerful central performance from Jonathan Slinger as the selfish tyrant.

This first production in the transformed Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon makes full use of the 'thrust' stage, on three sides surrounded by the audience, which is a larger version of the gallery Courtyard Theatre which was the Royal Shakespeare Company's home in recent years. Actors enter from all angles, dangling from the ceiling, erupting from under the stage, running through the audience, or via smashed stained glass windows in Tom Piper's impressive ruined, cannon-blasted church set, where piles of debris smoulder and religious icons have been defaced. It suggests a time of turmoil and danger.

The distant thuds of explosive-like drums and the minimal notes from the trio of cellists provide a menacing soundscape and the pseudo-Elizabethan and leather costumes are effective.

Enter *Macbeth*, victor in the Scottish civil wars, who takes a supernatural prophecy as his cue to murder his king and claim the crown for himself, after the encouragement of his wife.

Not that Slinger's *Macbeth* needed much encouragement.

He is a smiling devil whose doubts and



Jonathan Slinger and Aislin McGuckin as the *Macbeths*. Photograph by Ellie Kurtz/RSC

brief regrets are more to do with cowardice than human kindness or empathy. His wife knows this and it is she who is driven insane by guilt. Aislin McGuckin as Lady *Macbeth* gives a harrowing "out damned spot" scene.

Slinger spits out Shakespeare's lines with clarity and total conviction as the murdering tyrant, surely related to his memorable Richard III performed at Stratford a few years ago.

Youngsters take a central role. The witches, the Weird Sisters, become instead the Weird Children, and make their first appearance hanging from the ceiling like corpses on a gallows as they sing their prophecies to *Macbeth* and *Banquo*. The effect is very eerie and the audience later learn exactly who these ghostly children are.

Excellent support comes from the brawny tough guy Macduff of Aidan Kelly and Caroline Martin as the bitter Lady Macduff. Scott Handy radiates sorrow as Ross, the appalled witness to *Macbeth's* excess, and Howard Charles is gently impressive as the mild Malcolm, son of the murdered King Duncan, who finds enough steel in himself to take on *Macbeth*.

This is a production brimming with ideas, of which some work and some don't. Jamie Beamish's firework antics, as Seyton the gatekeeper, are baffling. Also, a scene with a multitude of dangling dolls to represent *Banquo's* heirs looks more Cabbage Patch than voodoo vision.

But the banquet scene is a triumph. Steve Toussaint's very physical ghost of the powerful dreadlocked *Banquo* comes crashing through a door to reduce *Macbeth* to a gibbering wreck.

This is a play in which the dead will not lie down. Then the scene is repeated without the ghost to show just how demented *Macbeth* must seem to his guests.

Be warned, the scene in which the throats of Macduff's children are slit as their watching mother is throttled is horrifying, but such an atrocity should be seen as horrifying.

Slinger's *Macbeth* seems to tire of his own malicious, duplicitous nature, musing upon death from his perch atop a ladder thrust out of the stage as his enemies close in.

In a world where smiling tyrants still cling to power via assassination and massacre, *Macbeth* remains relevant and fresh, and will remain so as long as men fall prey to "vaulting ambition".

Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until October 6. LEON BURAKOWSKI

Fantastic Mr Fox the opera, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ENGLISH Touring Opera aims to encourage a young audience to experience opera with this adaptation of Roald Dahl's farmyard tale, first performed in California in 1998. A barely half full theatre for this one night suggests they have some way to go in achieving this.

However, 20 local youngsters had their first experience of appearing in an opera with children from Wolverhampton's East Park Junior and Woden Primary schools playing fox cubs and trees.

The witty libretto by Donald Sturrock and Tobias Picker's music, a mix of bucolic Vaughan Williams-like incidental music and operatic pastiche, deserved a bigger audience.

It was good to have an orchestra in the Grand's pit, though they sometimes overpowered the vocals meaning lyrics were lost, despite selective surtitles shown on TV screens in the theatre's boxes.

Nicholas Merryweather was a swaggering Mr Fox complete with Rod Stewart-esque 70s hairstyle. Impressive vocal performances came from Miriam Sharrad's Mrs Fox, Welsh soprano Catrine Kirkman's lonely Miss Hedgehog, Carlyl Hughes' prancing Rita Rat and mezzo soprano Fiona Kimm as the Valkyrie-like digging machine Agnes.

But there was a feeling of anti-climax as the story seemed to fizzle out. It was Mediocre Mr Fox. LEON BURAKOWSKI



Fantastic Mr Fox at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

Katie Melua, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE little lady in black showed she is a performer of enormous talent and contrast, switching seamlessly between rock chick, torch singer and playful songstress. Appearing first as a disembodied voice with her hit *Closest Thing To Crazy* the crystal clear tone of the Georgian singer sliced across the hall until it finally split the curtain to reveal the star looking both sexy and the innocent, girl next door.

Katie extolled the pain of love through tracks like *If You Were A Sailboat*, the dark, slightly sinister *I'd Love To Kill You* - a track from latest album *The House - The One I Love Is Gone* and *Call Off The Search*.

This contrasted with her rock/blues chick side which came through on her cover of Canned Heat's *Going Up The Country* and *God On Drums*, *Devil On The Bass*. To further demonstrate her versatility she did a solo, soulful rendition of *Li'lac Wine*, made famous by Elkie Brooks. Katie let her more playful side take stage with *Tiny Alien* and *Red Balloons*, accompanied by videos and graphics projected onto the back screen. She kept her biggest hit, *Nine Millions Bicycles*, for the encore after an appreciative audience refused to budge until Miss Melua came back on stage. She finally said goodbye with the hauntingly sung *I Cried For You*. DANNY FARRAGHER

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People living in houses built in the last 10 years will typically have to deal with less maintenance, as the build quality and energy efficiency of new homes is superior to that of older properties.

The National House-building Council (NHBC), which celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2011, has issued advice to homeowners on how to keep everything in order and protect their investment.

The NHBC works to raise the construction standards of new homes and provide protection for new homeowners.

Its Buildmark warranty covers more than 80 per cent of new homes built in the UK and currently protects approximately 1.7 million homes, giving homeowners assurance and redress if anything goes wrong.

These are the items worth checking in an annual review:

Inside
■ Heating system: As the weather gets warmer, adjust central heating to a summer setting to save energy. This is a good time to bleed radiators too, to get rid of air pockets. It is recommended that boilers should be serviced each year, to ensure that they are working with maximum performance and safety. Contact a Gas Safe certified installer to carry out an annual check now.

■ Smoke detectors: If detectors run on batteries, these should be checked and replaced if necessary. All detectors should be replaced after ten years.

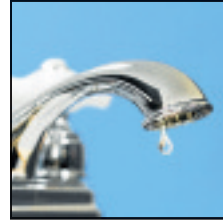
■ Carpets: Make sure that carpets and rugs are secure, particularly in areas of heavy use like doorways and stairs. If carpets are loose or frayed, consider replacing them, to prevent trip hazards.

■ Home security: Check the locks on all doors and windows, to see if they are in working order.

■ Taps: Dripping taps waste vast amounts of water. They may need the old washer changing for a new one.

Outside

■ Roofing: Look at roofs from the outside,



Check that dripping taps and a too-high thermostat are not wasting money and if the smoke alarm needs a new battery



to see if any tiles are cracked or have slipped; these will need replacing by a professional roofer.

■ Guttering: Check for damage and clear away blockages that may have accumulated over the winter months. Blockages can be bad news and lead to water damage, so make sure guttering is cleared at least once a year. For safety reasons, this should be carried out by a professional.

■ Woodwork: This needs preserving against weather conditions. Timber windows and doors need repainting every three to five years; make a painting plan of action in the drier summer months.

■ Garden fencing: This provides homes

with security, therefore it is important to check garden fencing for any damage and maintain its good condition.

A quick home health check will identify areas that need attention and catch problems at an early stage. Carrying out regular maintenance ensures a home is kept in good condition, making it more pleasant to live in, more energy efficient and cheaper to run, and increasing its residual value.

Further advice for homeowners on property maintenance and other issues can be found in NHBC's useful publication, A Guide to your new home - a practical guide to looking after your new home, freely available at www.nhbc.co.uk/homeowners.



Check the outside of the house to see what needs to be repainted



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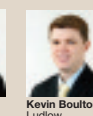
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New boy all-round man of the match

A MAN of the match performance by new signing Richard Evers ensured a winning start for Stourport in the Worcestershire County League Division 3 against local rivals Cookley.

Batting first, Cookley amassed 210 all out in 48.5 overs thanks to 77 from Mark Bennett and 37 from Simon Cook.

Evers took wickets for 40 runs

Stourport Cricket Club

and, when Stourport batted, top-scored scored with 40 not out. Craig Swicki (33) and Andrew Swicki (31) helped Stourport to their target with four overs remaining.

Stourport (20 points) beat Cookley (7 points) by two wickets and will look to build on a fine start

as they travel to Birlingham this Saturday.

2nd XI

Stourport Seconds finished on the wrong end of a high scoring encounter with Worcester at Norton.

Having been asked to bat first, Stourport reached 288 for the loss of five wickets with fine batting performances from 15-year-old

Sam Hayes (56), Phil Williams (53) and Ryan Delo (42 not out).

In reply, Stourport looked favourites when they had four wickets down for 100 runs, but 88 not out from skipper Adam Rimell pushed Worcester to 290.

Worcester (20 points) beat Stourport (7 points) by 3 wickets. Stourport entertain Feckenham at Walshes Meadow this Saturday.



A kaleidoscope of kits for the new Leisure Leagues

Keen for a kick-off in Leisure Leagues

WYRE Forest footballers can look forward to being kitted out in top quality kit – and a chance to play in a prestigious national competition for top prizes – if they sign up to a new community six-a-side football league which kicks off soon.

The new Monday league is to take place from 7-10pm at Stourport Sports Centre, run by Leisure Leagues – Europe's biggest providers of five and six-a-side football.

Head of new business, Lee Wilcox, says he is excited by the prospect of welcoming the players into the Leisure Leagues family.

"We run plenty of leagues in Worcestershire already, so we have a clear understanding of the appetite for football that the area has," he said.

"We have been trying for a long time to get a booking in Kidderminster and Stourport and we are thrilled to be able to get this league kicking off."

Entry to the new league is free, and each team will be kitting out just like Premier League stars, because Leisure Leagues are giving away free top quality shirts to all players.

Despite pressure, Bewdley held out to half time thanks to some resolute defending and excellent keeping from Darren Steadman.

The second half began with more Studley pressure, but Bewdley went two up with a well-taken Russ Godfrey goal.

Premier

On 80 minutes Studley pulled one back, but never really threatened again.

It was back down to earth in the West Midlands Premier League on Saturday as Town went down 5-3 at home to Bloxwich, scoring through Alex Taffe, Dave Goode and Sam Woodhouse.

Sean Wright was presented with the supporters player of the year trophy before the start. Wright has been outstanding all season as central defender and captain.

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The league will have a multi-division format to ensure all abilities are catered for, with the winners and runners-up receiving custom-made trophies as well as a chance to enter the national six a side championships and compete for a chance to play in a top European destination.

All referees in the league are fully qualified and all equipment is provided.

Once in the league players can take advantage of Leisure Leagues' interactive website to load up individual profiles.

All profits from the league are donated to charity – for which Leisure Leagues have received praise from David Cameron, Boris Johnson and many top football figures.

LATE SURGE SAVES POINT

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS 2 HISTON 2

HARRIERS roared back from 2-0 down to grab a draw with two goals inside a minute from Matty Blair and Keith Briggs against relegated Histon.

After suffering 13 defeats on the trot, the bottom-of-the-table visitors found themselves in the driving seat after strikes from Omer Riza and Antonio Murray.

But Blair and Briggs denied them the chance of a long-awaited victory when they each hit the target in the 80th minute.

The stalemate meant Harriers ended their turbulent Blue Square Bet Premier season in sixth position, six points behind Fleetwood Town, who occupy the final fifth place play-off spot.

Boss Steve Burr accepted that his side were well below their best, saying: "I said to the players that a lot of people had paid good money to see them. We wanted to send them off with a decent performance but, for whatever reason, the first-half was very poor."



Mark Albrighton rises highest



Scorer Matty Blair, right, congratulated by Robert Thompson-Brown

Chances

"We got a bit of a break with the second goal. I thought we dominated the game, but it was just like the lads had gone on holiday."

Burr, although disappointed that Harriers had not finished on a winning note, praised this season's players, adding: "They have been a great bunch to work for."

"And next year we aim to finish higher." Kidderminster had opportunities to get on the scoresheet during the first half with Blair being particularly unfortunate when he had a 24th-minute effort cleared off the line by Ekran Okay.

Histon, who lost 1-0 at home to Burr's boys in November, also created chances before nudging into the lead in the 40th minute when a lapse in



The fightback begins as Matty Blair rifles home in the 80th minute



Harriers' Jamille Matt on the ball

concentration by Mark Albrighton allowed Riza to steer the ball past keeper Danny Lewis.

After the interval Kidderminster were grateful for a couple of splendid saves by Harriers' player-of-the-season Lewis before the Cambridgeshire side went 2-0 ahead on 77 minutes with a perfectly executed curling shot from 20 yards by Murray.

But Harriers again demonstrated their never-say-die attitude when Blair capitalised on a Histon defensive mistake to make it 2-1.

The cheers for his 11th goal of the season had hardly died down before Briggs smashed home a deflected shot.

Agony as Victoria fall short

WBD 190-7
KVCC 184-8

KIDDERMINSTER Victoria put up a good performance, but fell a handful of runs shy of their batting target.

West Bromwich Dartmouth won the toss in the second round of the Williamson Trophy and elected to bat.

Kader Ali was in great form, but opening partner Gurik Randhawa was caught by Mark Mansell, bowled Gareth Williams, for seven.

Mansell had Tappin leg before for 10 and Matt Pardoe removed Atiq Javid for 18.

Pardoe, fresh from batting successes with Worcestershire, had conceded nine runs from his first over, then captured the prize when he bowled Ali.

Boundary

The experienced batsman had scored 68.

Pardoe struck again, with another lbw. This time it was Imran Khan for six.

Imran Khan was out to a superb catch on the boundary by Gareth Williams off Mansell, who then dismissed Desiva for 25.

Pardoe finished with 3-27 and Mansell 3-42.

KVCC opened with Craig Wood and Matt Pardoe and, on 48, Pardoe was bowled for 26.

Keeper Jon Smith, on 12, became Ali's second scalp when Dhoolab took a catch.

Wood was looking in form, but Andy Kimberlin had only scored six when he was caught.

Chris Pyke joined Wood and the score rose to 125, but 30 overs had been bowled. Then disaster struck when Wood was caught for a fine 68.

Pyke was out for 25, skipper Jonathan Wright 11, Ryan Derrick nought and Mark Mansell one.

Richard Kimberlin was not out 18 and John Rowan seven.

Bewdley battle to decent draw

BEWDLEY 204-9 (8 PTS)
WORCESTER 268-5 (16 PTS)

BEWDLEY'S season started with a satisfying draw against a strong Worcester side.

Skipper Rob Combes asked Worcester to take first strike on a good pitch, but the visitors rattled up a daunting total.

Jack Mills shook off a minor strain, and bowled a long and economical spell, and Simon Mauger and Sam Beasley also bowled tidily, but Cameron Williams (71 not out) ensured a challenging target.

Bewdley reached 59-3, but then Combes and Gareth Lewis added 52.

Ben Jones Jr joined Combes, and they put on 67 quickly, of which Combes made 63, launching a fierce assault on leg spinner Wagstaff.

Alas, Combes fell on 178 for a splendid 96, and Bewdley played out time, but not before they ensured four batting bonus points.



Bryony Griffiths, top orange

Belting time for judo examiners visiting club

AFTER two months in which seven members gained black belts, the British Judo Association examiners have been busy again at Kidderminster's Samurai Judo Club.

This time, 40 grade promotions in the grades below black belt were awarded.

The BJA is the National Governing Body for judo, the sport being much more fortunate than most martial arts in that it has a single unified association.

In the seniors, Martin Wright, Bill Harris and Carlene Hill all gained brown belts. Martin was a member 20 years ago, rejoined four years ago and has worked his way up.

Parent

Bill took up the sport after his son Jack, now 16, started, and the two still tussle on the mat, whilst Carlene started at Droitwich and continued at Bangor University before

joining the Samurai on her return to the area.

Tina Jefferson, another parent player, gained her green belt, and there were yellow belts for Grant Priest, Garry Yang, Charlie Spooner and Dan Jones and red belts for Chris McMahon and Kyle Hunafor, all of whom have been working hard on Stuart Lane's Thursday senior beginners' class.

In the juniors, Brendan Crummy is now the top

junior grade in both the club and the county, and he moved to top blue belt, reflecting his recent first national medal at the British Schools.

Bryony Griffiths, who also took her first national medal at the British Schools, went to top orange, and there was also an orange belt for her cousin Ryan Hardman.

Pocket dynamite Darcie Hancock moved up the yellow belts.

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